

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA**

**Monday
May 3, 2004
7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 P.M. at Evergreen Recreation club lounge room. In attendance were the District VI City Council Member, ten (10) District Advisory Board Members, (9) city staff, and (7) citizens. Approximately 26 individuals were in attendance.

Members Present

Sandra Whittington
Annie Best
Rosalie Bradley
Jaya Escobar
Dick Rumsey
Maurine Willis
Bickley Foster
Bob Schreck
Bob Wine
Rob Johnson-alternate

Member Absent

Paul Daemen
Rick Shellenbarger

Guests

Listed at the end

Staff

Listed at the end

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed guests. DAB members were asked to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for April 5, 2004 were approved with the following amendments:

(Schreck/Whittington 9-0)

- Page 3: Member Willis suggested placing a 4-way stop at the corner on 37th and Meridian should be a 3-way stop.
- Page 5: The proposed 24th Street vacation between Woodland and Salina. There must be consent from all 8 lots but should read from the two sets of 4 lots on the two blocks that abut 24th Street.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the following amendments: Include as Item 3a Status of the Murdock Bridge and under the Council Member Updates include follow-up on the Mesa Verde Housing project. **(Schreck/Willis 9-0)**

Member Escobar arrived at 7:07p.m.

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James Francisco, 2819 Millrose Circle Tobacco Free Coalition presented on a Clean Air Indoor Ordinance asking for support from the Council Member and DAB members to assist in adopting this ordinance. **Francisco** proceeded to discuss the number of people affected by smoke, stating how second-hand smoke is a known cancer agent. The majority of people in Wichita want the clean air ordinance incorporated due to results taken from a survey by the coalition. **Francisco** finished with urging the DAB to protect our elderly and children by convincing the Council Member to approve the clean air ordinance. Thank you for assisting us.

Carolyn Gann 1242 N. Shepherd also stated how smoking is harmful to your health and repeated how second-hand smoke causes cancer. There are 43 carcinogens that increase the risk of heart attacks.

Council Member Fearey explained the presentations during the Public Agenda of the DAB meeting is for members to receive and file the information but no recommendation would be made.

Member Willis stated the Morris Restaurant is one of the worst in the City for second-hand smoke exposure. **Member Foster** asked if the survey included the 18,000 food workers in the city? **Member Escobar** asked if there was an actual Clean Air Indoor ordinance already? Response was a group of people is working on one.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Community Police Report

Officer Glen Kyle Patrol West Beat 11: Stated he had been outside by request of a DAB member to see what a man in a truck in the park was putting in a tree. **Kyle** found a liquor bottle the man left to return for later but would be surprised on his return as the bottle was no longer there.

Kyle is working on a special assignment for underage drinking due to a special grant received to use for overtime for the officers on this project. 11th street continues to be full of graffiti, it gets painted and then graffiti again. Burglaries are up citywide. Media Release by Police on skateboards and motorized scooters are considered now as a vehicle and require a driver's license for using on the street. **Council Member Fearey** stated the information could be put in association newsletters. **Member Bradley** asked what is the fine if caught? **Kyle** responded it depends on the charge. **Member Best** asked if there were any alternatives for the riders of these vehicles to use. **Kyle** responded they could use them only on private property.

Doug Kupper, Park Director stated the Skateboard Park is in the design stage.

Officer Jansen Patrol North 48 beat officer commented he was here this evening to give some updates on Beats 41-42- and 48. **Jansen** stated there is a spike in burglaries and they are trying to identify who the suspects are from crime scenes. One warrant issued was due to fingerprints found at the break-in sites. Some fences have been knocked down to enter through the rear of the homes. The community police officers are working a clean-up on 48 beat due to the tire amnesty offered by the County. The areas of the clean-up were through the alleys and the neighborhood. Flyers have been passed out about the loud music being played in cars and at homes. The boundaries for the flyers were 37th St. N to 13th Street from Arkansas to Broadway. On a final note there has been a break on the artist responsible for much of the graffiti. He was caught in the act east of the railroad tracks spraying his special name and has been charged. This should stop a lot of the graffiti being done.

Officer Busher Patrol South discussed the Skateboard Park, which will be available in about one year. There has been some damage to our parks due to skateboarders. Beat officers are working together to get a law passed to see how businesses can deal with homeless vagrancies, sleeping and bringing all their belongings to areas where this detracts tourists. There is a club at 305 S. St. Francis it has a lot of disturbances after the club closes. We are preparing for the River Festival, this year not allowed are dogs, bikes and motorized scooters.

We have done several John stings looking for prostitutes at Hotel/Motels.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and file

Member Schreck stated on a problem his wife had with some detectives and their unprofessional opinion. Schreck's wife had been robbed of her purse at work and received \$1200 charges on her credit card. She asked to see the surveillance tape from the store where the charges were made and she was never able to see it. She wanted to see if the person charging on her card was someone she worked with, as this had been her second time being robbed at work. The detectives think they have the guy but are not sure. Kyle recommended reporting the theft to the credit bureau.

PLANNING

2. ZON2004-00016

District VI Advisory Board (DAB) considered a Zone change from "SF-5" Single-family Residential to "GC" General Commercial located at the Northwest corner of Park Place and 29th Street North for Vehicle Repair, General. The DAB Members were provided the public notice and MAPD staff comments for review prior to the meeting. Dale Miller, Planner presented the case, handed out additional materials for viewing and reviewed the staff recommendation with members and the public.

The applicant stated the business would not have outdoor storage due to plenty of room for storage inside their building.

There were no members of the public to speak on this request.

The DAB member's comments were: 1) would there be any provisions for outdoor storage; 2) does this request require screening; 3) what about parts being outside for long periods of time, and 4) a protective overlay should be included to prevent outdoor storage.

***** **Action Taken:** Motion to **APPROVE** (Foster/Schreck 10-0) zone change request subject to additional protective overlay be included to not allow outdoor storage at this facility.

PUBLIC WORKS

3. Status of Main Street Reconstruction-Douglas to Murdock

Jim Armour, Public Works staff presented details on the reconstruction project to improve Main Street from Douglas to Murdock. **Armour** stated his department is working with Sedgwick County on the conversion of the courthouse bus loading area into a handicap parking location. From 3rd to Central Street will be completely replaced due to the severity of the street and where necessary some new patchwork will replace old. **Member Bradley** stated she would like to see Main Street with two-way traffic. **Council Member Fearey** responded maybe someday there would be approval of the two-way street. **Armour** continued during reconstruction traffic will be down to two lanes, the traffic signal poles will stay but the streetlights will be changed. **Bradley** asked if there was a historical building on Main and the response was yes it's located at 3rd & Main. **Member Schreck** inquired if everything has been checked on this project and in 2-3 years you won't be tearing up the street again for utilities replacement. A member of the audience asked if this project would be bid to out of state contractors? **Armour** responded normally we look statewide but a local contractor will do this project.

*******Recommended Action:** Receive and file

3a **Status of Murdock Street Bridge**

Jim Armour, Public Works staff presented an update and handed out a timeline on the Bridge project. **Armour** stated staff would be going to Council for additional funds from the federal for the project as the main driving lanes need to also be removed and replaced. **Kathy Dittmer**, president of the Riverside Citizens Association asked if the roundabout would stay open? Response provided was Yes.

*******Recommended Action:** Receive and file

4. **Portable Storage Containers**

Kurt Schroeder, OCI Director provided the new rules/regulations approved by City Council pertaining to the portable storage containers discussed at a previous DAB meeting.

Schroeder explained the Portable Storage Containers are now permitted year round with screening requirements and are allowed to move 10 ft. away from any exterior building. Most DABS except for DAB VI didn't have much to say on this.

Member Bradley inquired about the floor for the storage containers, do they have to be setting on something metal or can they sit on dirt and what about rust if it rains. **Schroeder** stated to call zoning/OCI and we can look at this. **Member Willis** inquired about the Tobacco Smoke Shop on North Meridian. Can they have PSC'S? **Council Member Fearey** responded the owners of the smoke shop were applying for a Zone change and would be coming to DAB.

Schroeder asked what they were using now and **Willis** responded their buildings are on semi-trailers wheels.

*******Recommended Action:** Receive and file

Member Whittington asked about people who have PSC's now would they have to follow the new laws? **Schroeder** responded there would be no grandfather clause for these owners.

5. **Riverside Tennis Center**

Doug Kupper Park Director discussed the proposed indoor facility for the Riverside Tennis Center. This project is something we have looked at for the past three years. **Kupper** stated the City set aside 1.5 million for a cost analysis on an indoor facility. We found it would be a \$5 million project. We are looking at the City providing 50% of cost and then get a 50% private partner. City Council approved the plan and set aside the \$2.5 million towards the facility. We are looking to do some Request For Proposals to partner with for creating the facility. The Park Board has reviewed our analysis and we will present to City Council workshop for tomorrow.

As far as private partnership, we have looked at a Non-profit group called Friends of Riverside Tennis Center they are not a 501-C3 or incorporate organization. They received a HUD grant of \$700,000 for Tennis Center but now need the other \$1.8 million. The Genesis clubs is a group to look at for public/private partnership. They support the tennis center.

Council Member Fearey stated she wanted input from the DAB. Is this appropriate for parkland use? I want to see us serving under privileged children. **Kupper** continued to state we need a partner for the other half of money for the center. **Member Bradley** asked about golf pro-shops? They are self supporting due to green fees couldn't this be worked out for the tennis area? **Member Escobar** asked if any research had been done on outside cities doing something like this? **Kupper** said the Ice Sports and Hyatt were private public partnerships but are run on behalf of the city.

Kupper continued saying the Park Board suggests looking at only responses from Non-profit organizations and supports the center to be done in Riverside Park. **Fearey** asked if there was any proposal if the group fails? An endowment would be set up for the underserved population.

Following are questions or comments from the DAB: *responses in Italics*

- ◆ For 6 courts it's going to cost \$ 5.5 million? *Yes and it will be a very nice building*
- ◆ What will it cost to play tennis there? *The majority of tennis lessons will be for children and this will expand the season for playing tennis.*
- ◆ Is there any objection to this competition? *A west side company wanted to know how this would affect their business.*
- ◆ What about placing near the North Waste Water treatment lift station? *Kingsbury was donated and reserved by Joan Cole for public use. Sand mining for more park development. We have partnership now with sewer plant.*
- ◆ You will be sending out a new RFP? *Yes*
- ◆ Do you think a Non-profit and for-profit business could work? *We need to find a partner for the six-court facility.*
- ◆ Have you looked at other areas? *The Park Board supports the center to be done in Riverside Park. The clutter on bend of river will be removed and replaced with a new nice building for indoor tennis.*
- ◆ Have you been to the Riverside NA yet? *It will go soon.*
- ◆ I'm not against Genesis, they have good safeguards/ assurance
- ◆ I don't want this to be an elite place to block out the children. *Open to all level of economics. If a for profit does what we want then there will be periods of time for children but the seniors may be less fortunate. Courts available for them only in the evening*

Kathy Dittmer stated the neighborhood association is apprehensive about a for-profit agency for the Tennis center. We need a right kind of partnership.

*******Recommended Action:** Receive and file

BOARD AGENDA

6. Problem Properties

No problem properties were submitted.

*******Recommended Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

7. Neighborhood Reports

Riverside Park Grand re-opening- great party and Council Member Fearey was a great mistress of ceremonies. Playground was loaded with kids and members of Cow town came dressed in era costume.

Sherwood Glen: Trash pick-up

Arkansas River: Trash pick-up for preparation of the River Festival. Also there will be another trash pick-up after the festival is over.

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta: held at 21st and Market streets went well. Also a fiesta was held at the Zoo, which had a good turnout and another at Old Town, which wasn't so good.

Council Member Fearey stated that all the organizers had done a good job.

The ADA handicap issues were asked of the Council Member and what was going to be done. **Fearey** responded the issue was being worked on.

*******Recommended Action:** Receive and file

Updates from the Council Member

Mesa Verde has passed all other boards it needed to. Maurine and I will meet with the board of Sherwood Glen and Meridian Gardens. I don't see how I can't support this? I still have a lot of concerns. If this is approved, I will work with new residents to incorporate the housing development.

Willis stated there are still drainage problems, water doesn't flow properly and floods. Chris Carrier said he doesn't want a pond. **Fearey** said she knows about the issues. The State has to give their blessing and financing. The project still has to go through more processing. **Bradley** stated her concerns about maintenance of homes, the landlords and upkeep. **Escobar** stated they are supposed to be mid-ranged income residents.

Foster discussed the Housing policy and said the housing process is not being represented.

Police officer Busher said vagrants are already being pushed into neighborhoods. **Fearey** responded a Homeless coalition is working on this. **Escobar** said the homelessness has increased and families are taking over the shelters.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Guests

Jim Francisco	2819 Milro Circle 67204 Moorings James/Francisco@hotmail.com
Rhonda Hupman	3425 N. Broadway
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence 67203 Indian Hills Riverbend N.A.
Berle Willis	3834 Woodrow SGNA
Bob Aldrich	1013 Compton Wichita Park Board
Carolyn Gaughar	1232 N Shefford Wichita, 67212
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Staff

Tammie Busher	Patrol South
Jim Armour	Public Works
Glen Kyle	Patrol West
Kurt Schroeder	Office of Central Inspection
Doug Kupper	Park department
Larry Foos	Park department
Terri Dozal	Neighborhood Assistant

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, 6th District NA